The expenditure incurred by the Ministry of Civil Aviation on air subsidy during 2001 & 2002 is as follows:

2001 — Rs. 148.36 crores (provisional)

2002 — Rs. 168.71 crores (provisional)

As the air operation for Haj 2003 is yet to be completed, the final expenditure is still to be reckoned. However, the Ministry has budgeted an amount of Rs. 200 crore as expected expenditure for this purpose.

Outcome of Pravasi Bharatiya Sammelan

272. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:
DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to State:

(a) the outcome of the recent conference organised as part of Pravasi Bharatiya Divas get together held in New Delhi; and

(b) the assurances, if any, received from the Indian Diaspora to help in getting foreign technology in Defence and Internal Security Research and Development?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA): (a) The Pravasi Bharatiya Divas organised from 9-11 January, 2003 has helped instill a sense of diasporic identity in the overseas Indians and strengthen the collective consciousness of diasporic concerns. It was the largest gathering of NRIs and PIOs from 61 countries. Several important announcements were made in the conference including on dual citizenship, compulsory insurance scheme for overseas Indian workers, reservation of a certain proportion of seats in our academic institutions for the children of workers in the Gulf and creation of Advisory Committee on the Diaspora. Also Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awards were conferred on ten NRIs and PIOs selected by the Jury-Cum-Awards Committee. A website was launched on the 10th January, 2003 for the diaspora interested in dealing with India's economic development. Important announcements were also made in the financial sector. The parallel sessions held on Science & Technology, Knowledge-Based Industries, Financial Services, Education, Health, Culture, Tourism, Voluntary Sector, Media and Entertainment and Defence

and Internal Security generated a number of positive ideas and suggestions with potential to create new dimensions in India's ties with the diaspora.

(b) The Diaspora evinced keen interest in facilitating transfer of technology and promoting R & D cooperation in Defence and Internal Security Research Development with broad assurances of cooperation and involvement and with no concrete offers.

Placing India in CIA list of Nuclear Villains

273. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to State:

(a) whether Government protested against India being put on CIA list of Nuclear Villains;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware that such reports are generally engineered by the people within the US security agencies; and

(d) if so, whether it has been pointed out that India and Pakistan cannot be put in the same basket?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (d) An Unclassified Report of CIA to the United States Congress on the Acquisition of Technology Relating to Weapons of Mass Destruction and Advanced Conventional Munitions for the period 1 July through 31 December 2001 released on January 07, 2003 referred to India along with other countries including Pakistan, as "secondary proliferators".

Government has, during official interactions with the United States, rejected such a description of India as baseless.

U.S. assurance to press upon Pakistan to end terrorism

274. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Indian Express dated 7th January, 2003 that